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Subject: [External] Dominion Energy

To the SC Public Service Commission, we urge you to reject Dominion Energy's net metering proposal that is coming before you in the near future. It will severely hamper the continued rollout of solar investment in South Carolina and cost existing solar customers hundreds of dollars a year. It will also cost South Carolina hundreds, if not thousands, of jobs installing and maintaining solar systems for residences and businesses.

We have a vested interest as we have walked the walk as well as talked the talk in South Carolina. When we built our house in Hilton Head last year, we spent \$45,000 for 30 solar roof panels to reduce our dependence on costly and damaging fossil fuels and to promote renewable energy. We moved to a new neighborhood on the island in part because our former neighborhood was not receptive to solar panels. We found Palmetto Electric to be good to work with although the practice of resetting the solar credit to zero every year is somewhat baffling.

Dominion Energy is another story. It is estimated that their proposal will add approximately \$700 to our annual electric costs which extends our payback significantly. Many would be solar projects will be abandoned due to the increased cost, which will cost many solar jobs. Supporting Dominion's proposal will reduce consumer choice, energy market competition, and cleaner energy for everyone. We respectfully ask the PSC to reject Dominion Energy's solar proposal.

Sincerely,
Marshall & Barbara Grimes
Hilton Head Island,